Recovery of DPEA on imported bulk drugs

1327. SHRI BEKAL TTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 333 given in *'tie* Rajya Sabha on /th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of importers to whom notices were issued for recovery into Drugs Prices Equalisation Account and when was the first notice issued;

(b) what are the names of importers who have not provided the information asked tor-

(c) what is the time limit given to each and what stops are being taken to obtain the required infor mation;

(.fi) whether it is a fact that a number of importers did not even apply for price fixation of imported drugs under DPCO, 1979;

(e) what penal action has been initiated against them,

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has omitted the provision for fixation of prices of imported bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to discipline the prices of such imported bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. 3URUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) In- 'ormation to fhe extent available ould be collected and laid on the able of the Rajya Sabha.

(f) and (g) Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is based on the measures which were approved in December, 1986. In the said order there is no ovision enjoining upon the impor- : of bulk drugs meant *JOT* sale in country to have their prices ap- 'ed from the Government before rting to sales.

Prices of Glybenclamide

1328. DR. RATNAKAR. PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 358 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) when the company challenged the Government fixed prices of Glybenclamide;

(b) what was the production of Glybenclamide from 17th November, 1983 to 31st December, 1983 and what was the rate of recovery taken by special team for the assessment of liability;

(c) when was the stay vacated and when Government fixed the formulation prices base on Government notified price bulk drugs;

d) when the company implemented the fixed prices of finished medi-cines;

(e) what is the period for which the liability is to be assessed and by when final assessment upto that period would be made;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has recently decided to bring this drug under price control which was wrongly excluded from DPCO, 1987; and

(g) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) M/s. Hoechst India Ltd., challenge^ the Government fixed price for Glybenclamide in the Delhi High Court in February, 1984.

(b) Special Team took the consumption of Glybenclamide between 17th November, 1983 to 31st December, 1983 at 35.34 kgs. Recovery was recommended by Special Team at the rat$_e$ of Rs. 7342 per kg. fresh scrutiny of the findings of the team is in progress, in view of receipt of certain complaints.

(c) Price of lOxlO's strip of Glybenclamide tablets was notified at Bs. 3.98 on 12th December, 1984.

(d) and (e) The company is liable to pay for the period till they complied with the Government fixed orice after May, 1987. Date of implementation of the price would also be know while finalising the recoverable amount.

(f) and (g) The matter is under consideration.

Revision in the prices of Metronidazole and its salts

1329. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AfTO CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry revised the prices of Met-ranidazole and its salts under DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, what was the earlier price, what is the present price and what i_s the percentage change in each;

(c) whether it is a fact that Met-ranidazole is available at a price of around Rs. 375/- per kg. in the market;

(d) what i_s the price of Metranida. zole take for fixation of formulation prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have revised the prices of finished edicines based on Metra- *t* nidazole and its salts under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) if so, what was earlier price -of each, present price and percentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, S*.

(b) The price of Metronidazole which was Rs. 453.30 kg. on 11th April, 1988 was revised to Rs. 482 per kg. on 9th Sept., 1988 resulting in an increase of 6.33 percent.

(c) Some representations to the effect that Metronidazole in selling at price lower than the Government fixed price have been received.

(d) Government fixe^ price or the purchase price of the drug as the case may be formed the basis for fixation of formulation prices.

(e) and (f) Details in respect of the packs for which ceiling prices have been fixed under DPCO, 1987 are annexed in the statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack Size	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Revised Price (Rs.)	Percentage increase (Rs.)
1	Metronidazole Syrup/Sus. 325mg/5ml	30 ml Bottle	4·89	4·92	0·61
2	Do.	60 ml Bottle	8·16	8.20	0·49
3	Metronidazole Tablets 20 mg/tab.	10' Strip	2.84	3·32	16·90
4	Metronidazole Tablets 400mg/Tab.	10' Strip	4·83	5·60	15·94
5	Metronidazole Sus. 200 mg/5 ml	30 ml Bottle	N.A.	5·66	
6	Do.	60 ml Bottle	N.A.	9·12	